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Hi,

After having read through the anti-trust settlement proposed, I can only think that our government has been completely purchased by Microsoft.

For every proposed penalty, there is a clause that gives Microsoft either power to change the penalty, or a clause which essentially makes the penalty null and void.

The marketplace only grows when competition is fostered. Microsoft in every instance, by it's size alone, can crush any competition without regard for whether that competitions product or service is superior to Microsoft's competing product or service. Microsoft was found guilty of this behavior. Non Platform specific standards have been developed for every type of data transfer, Microsoft has always chosen to adopt all platform agnostic standards then through 'extending' them (Microsoft's term) turn them into standards which then only are accessible through Microsoft products or services.

Please reconsider this sham, and deal Microsoft a real punishment as you did to the Bell Telephone company back in the 70's and 80's.

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